From November 2022 (Volume 131)

Photo History

Cover Picture

Lynn's latest...and in my opinion, best, painting...

From November 2022. I Well, it somehow feels great to have caught up with my Photo History I take so many photos and life continues at such a pace that I seem to fall behind totally at some points. Anyway, I am now 'almost ' up to date.

Politically, the inevitable has now 'hit the fan'. Despite assurances that those immense furlough payouts were costing nothing in real terms and despite the fraud that went unchecked and despite the total devious awarding of Covid testing kits to friends we were assured it was all necessary. Lynn and I kept saying that future generations will be saddled with immense debts that have to be repaid and remembered the loans that we had to repay to the US years after the end of the war. A we keep saying the disparity of the income/lifestyle of our population is so vast that only problems are being stored up. With their backs to the wall there is no way out for so many hard-working people that it is shameful.

NHS, hospitality and other labour-intensive areas are crying out for staff but with the massive hikes in living costs the wages are too low to support and sustain the workers and no EU workers are queuing at the door to take up the slack.

Onto happier thoughts...these volumes are only an echo of my current feelings and on a personal level I am happy that our great family are all managing to cope, at the moment anyway.

Tammy is really happy with both Dan and Cliff who are wonderful friends to her. Last night Dan took us out to Ponsbourne Pods which consisted of beautifully situated pods in Hertfordshire countryside with lights and an Indian meal served outside. It was busy too. Cliff is also a great guy helping Tammy with work around the house and giving her such useful advise and guidance too.

She is very lucky. Our Larnie is going great guns in her new job with De Haviland's and it seems to be just what she spent all that time at uni . training for . The best thing is that she seems to be well appreciated there. Beau is living with DP now and seems to be working hard at his uni. but obviously grandma and grandpa don't hear to much from a lad of 18.. Likewise, Peachy seems to have found her niche in her uni. and has grown into a very beautiful young lady. They are great to have around in those short times when they visit (hopefully seeing them very soon, at Xmas overnight here)

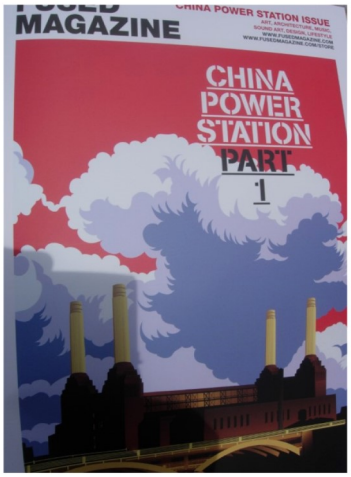
Lynn is producing sone great art work that she dismisses as 'rubbish' but I feel are really great (see the latest on the cover). I am busy with allotment work...this time of year is mainly 'tidying up'. Potatoes dug up and once that area is dug over, I cover it with sheeting to prevent weed growth until the spring. All my fruit trees are pruned and I am half way through pruning the soft fruit keeping the cuttings in the hope that they will survive to give to Angela for her meadow. I am also still swimming very early most weekdays and Lynn and I are out and about a lot...seven days on the trot as I write this. I am also now assisting with www. friendsofenfield-chase.org.uk running the website with Lily (who has replaced our great departed friend , Alison,

Angela is great, keeping in touch and I am looking forward to 'populating' her meadow when her whips and fruit trees arrive. Her offer of 'my bench' there really touched me.. DP is always busy and keeps in touch and is (hopefully) coming with the squids at Xmas.

We just went to the Curzon in Mayfair to see a black film about a celebrity chef, and boy, was it black, but excellent. Such a shame though, to see a luxury cinema with just a handful of cinemagoers. With West End rentals so high and people streaming films nowadays, it seems like cinemas are not going to survive in their current form. Tube back had three stops closed due to staff shortages so we walked and bussed it back from Bounds Green...again, a sign of the times… Home now and glad to put our feet up.

Battersea has, at long last, opened its doors to the public and Cyril, Viv, Lynn and myself wandered around. It seemed a bit soulless and reminiscent of all modern shopping malls. Every known name was there , as always, plus lots of empty units allocated to household names. Probably not the best economic climate to open a luxury brand unit in a very 'upmarket' area.

I thinks we commented that we could be in any major conurbation around the UK, (or even actually world-wide) these soulless shopping malls seem identical. Sorry, I fail to see the attraction. Give me small independent speciality shops any day.



We have been watching the progress of The Battersea Power Station since it was decommissioned and photographing it at various stages so I have shown 'then' and 'now' shots on the next pages

On Oct 8th 2006 we queued to see the shell. It had been sold to a developer but they sold it on and during the interim we were able to see around this fascinating icon

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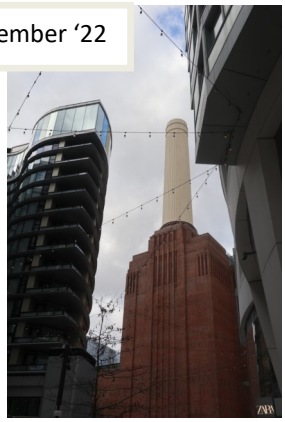

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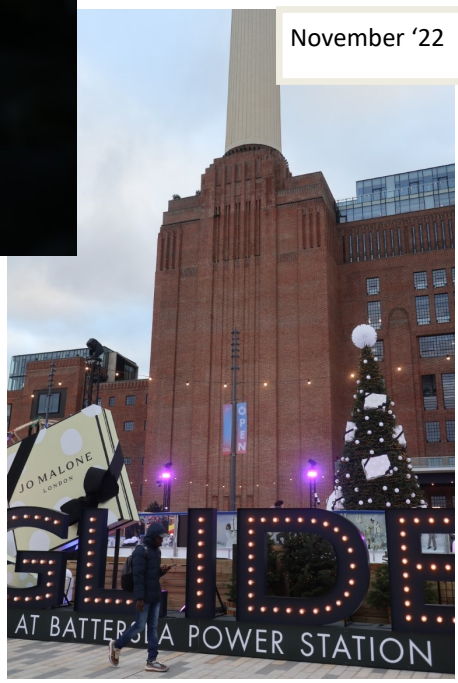

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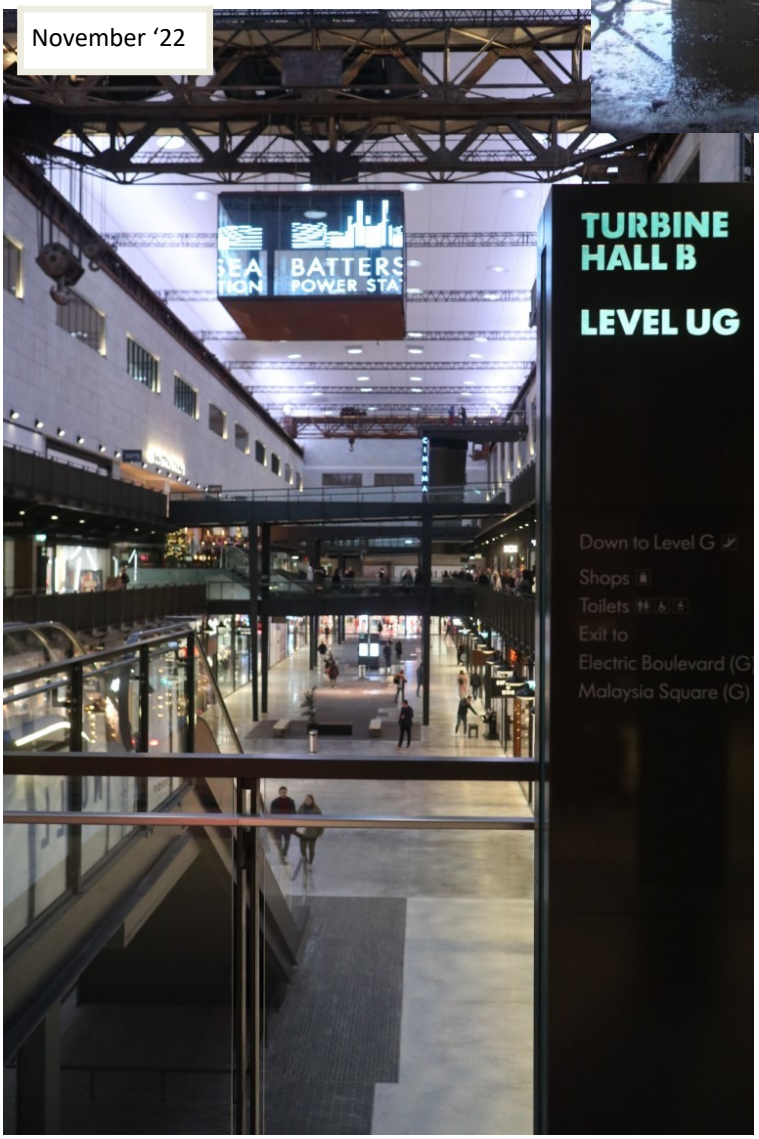

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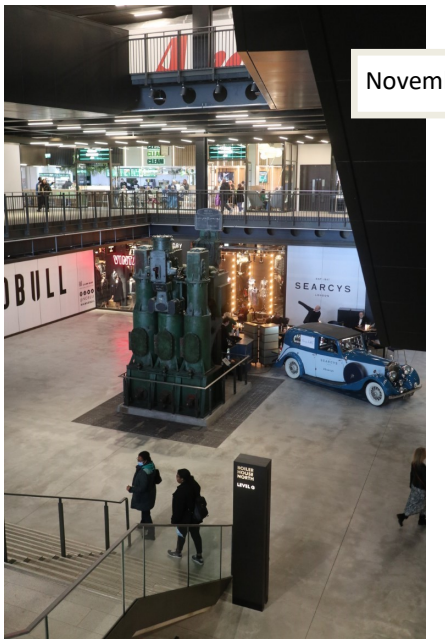

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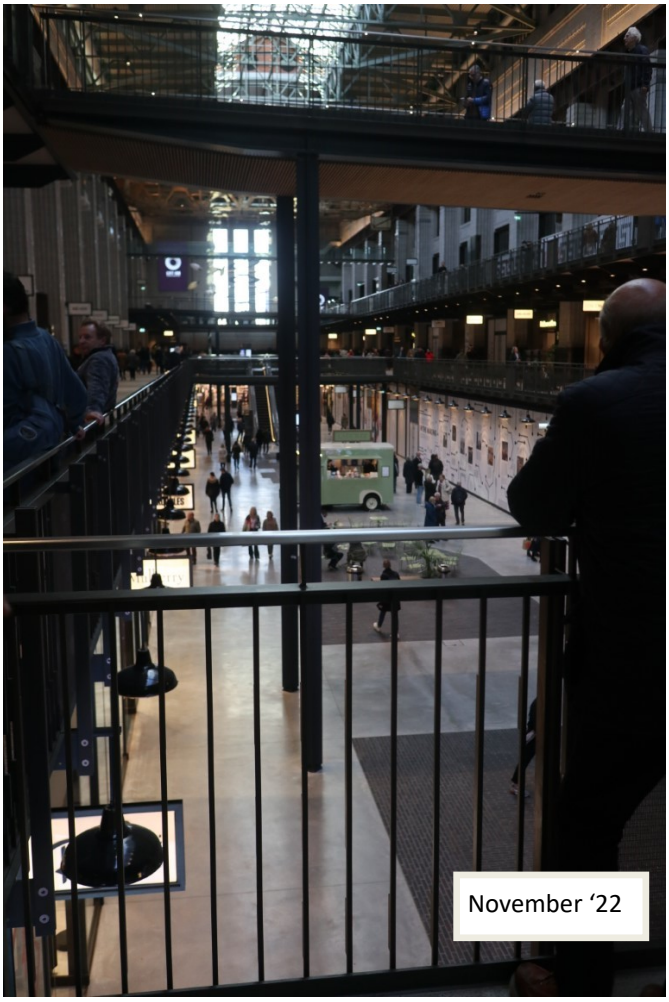
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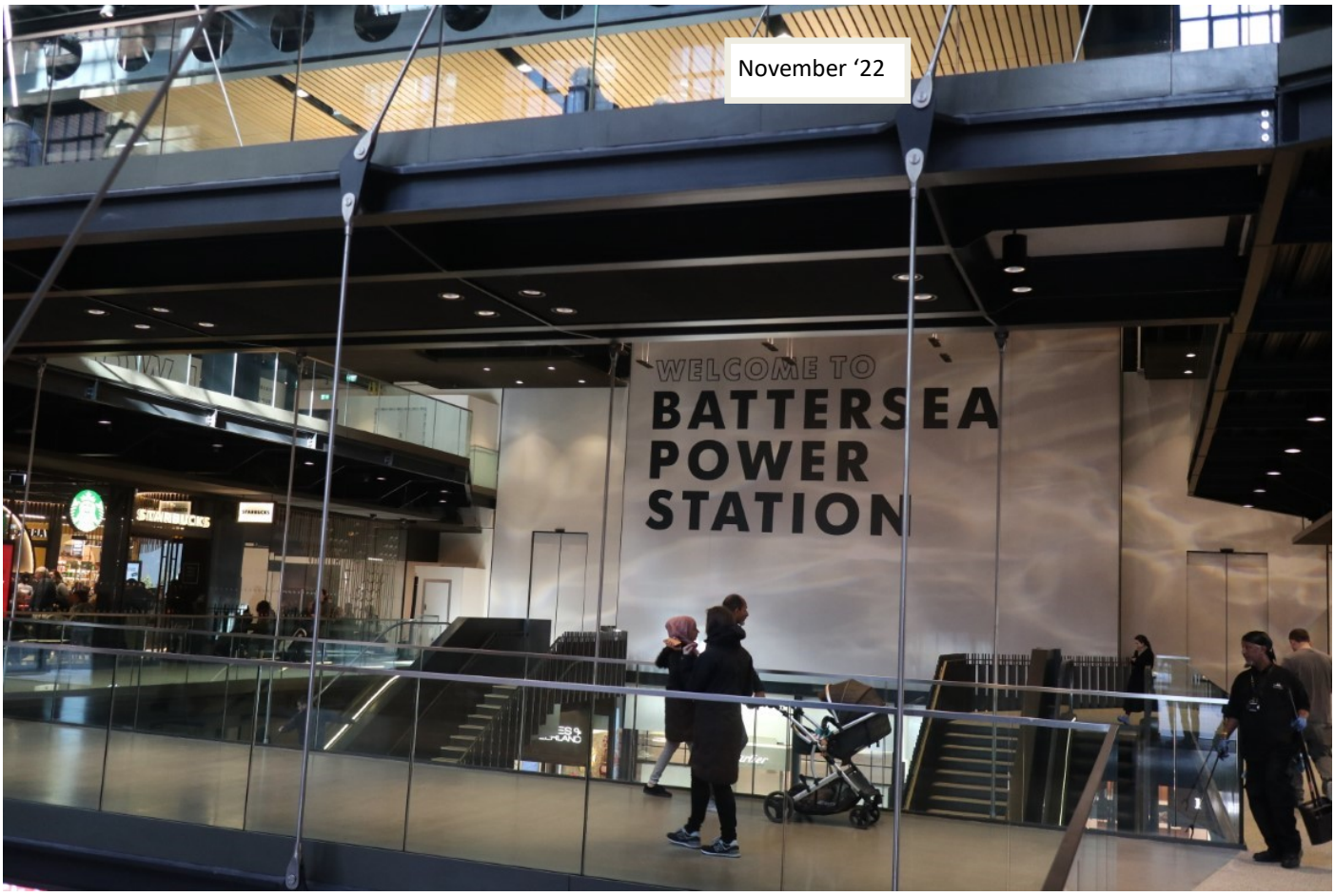
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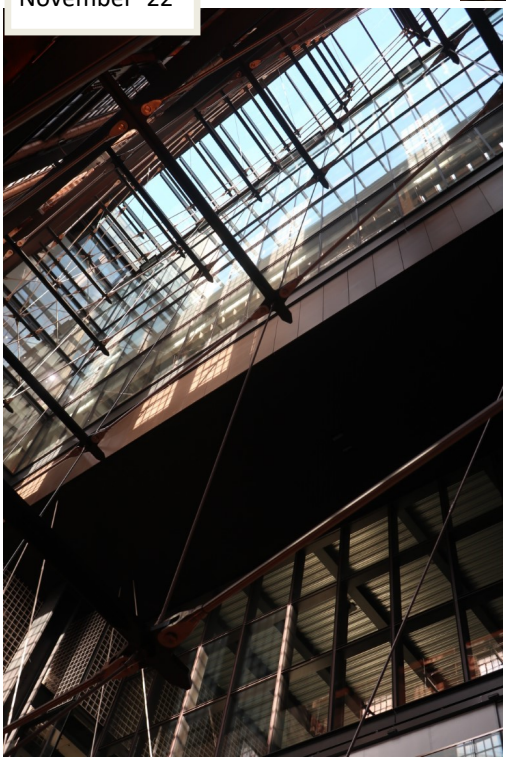
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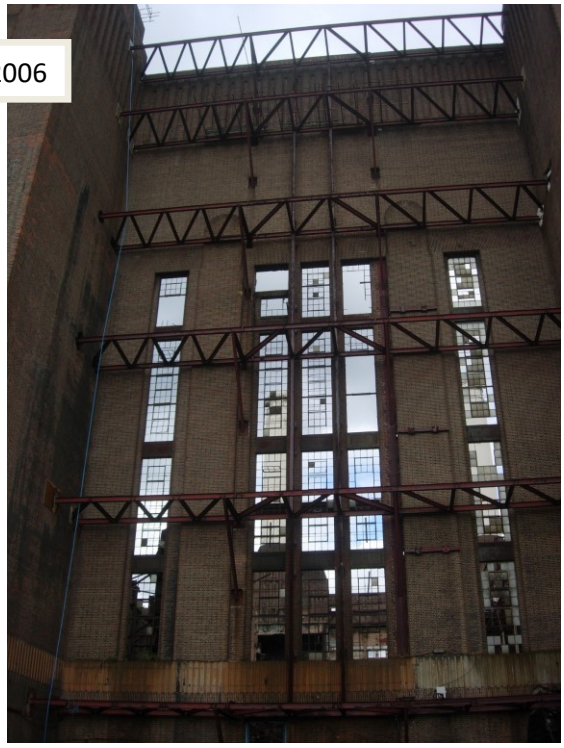
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Battersea Power Station in the distance

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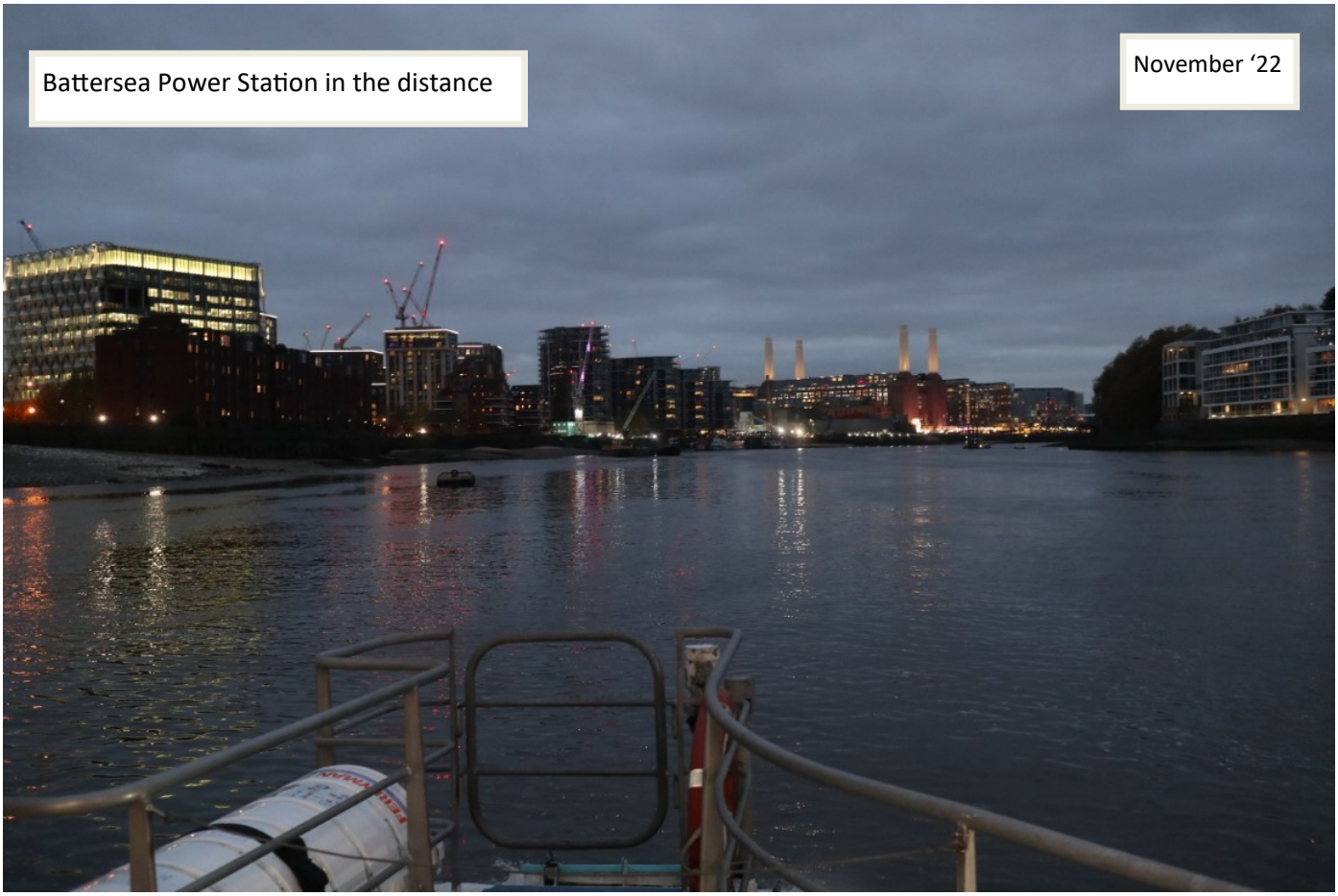


Some interesting art in a new gallery in Battersea (but crazy prices)

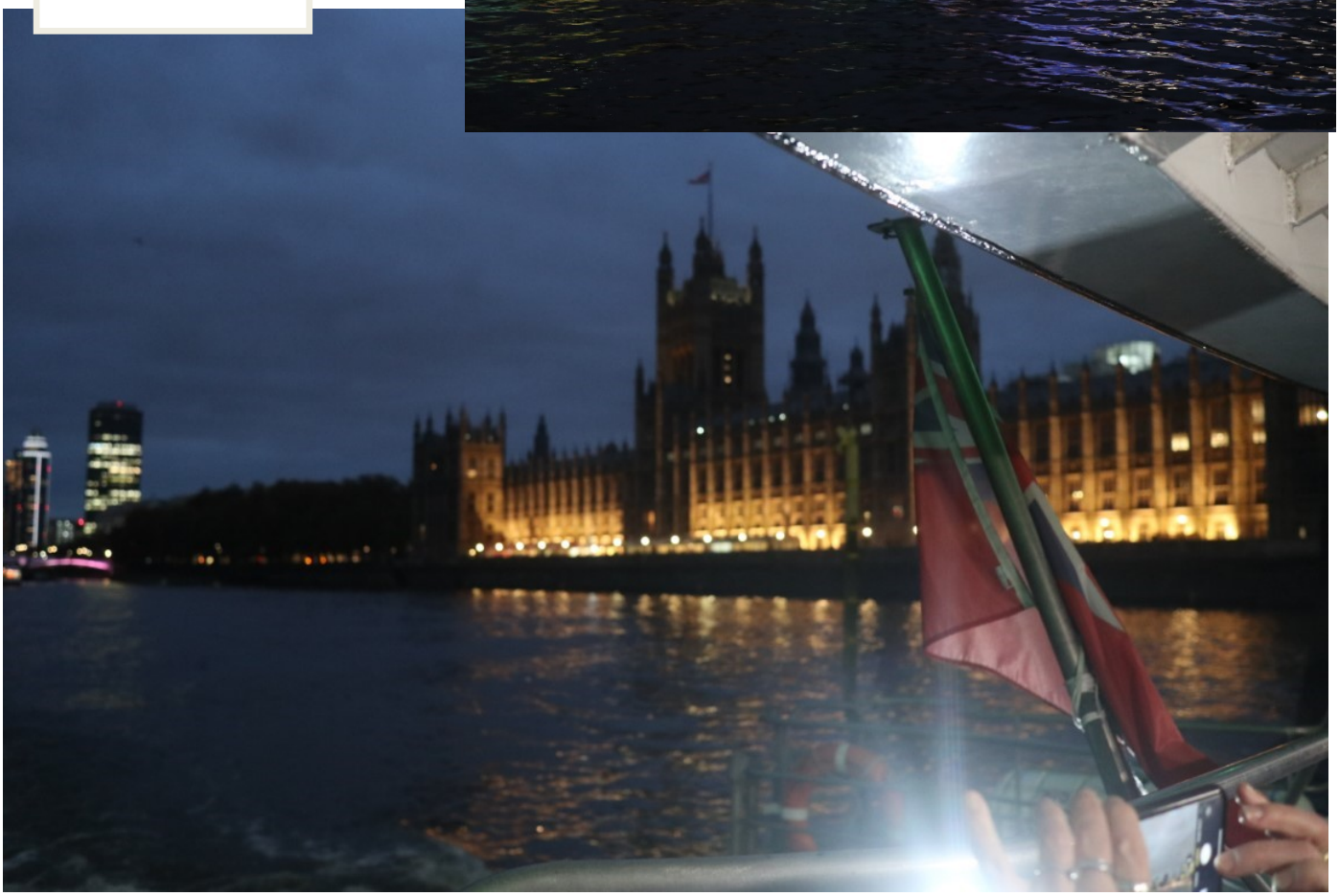
This acrylic bag hd an acrylic Chanel perfume inside

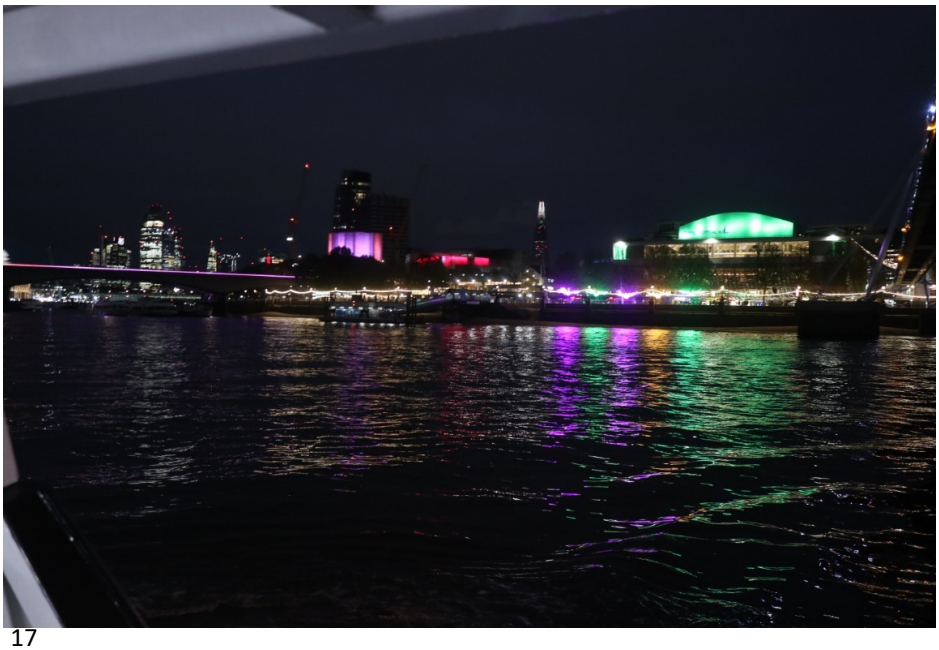
This art work was £58,000 (no ...the one in the frame!)

Leaving Battersea we took the Uber Clipper to Tower Pier and enjoyed familiar sights from the different perspective

County Hall

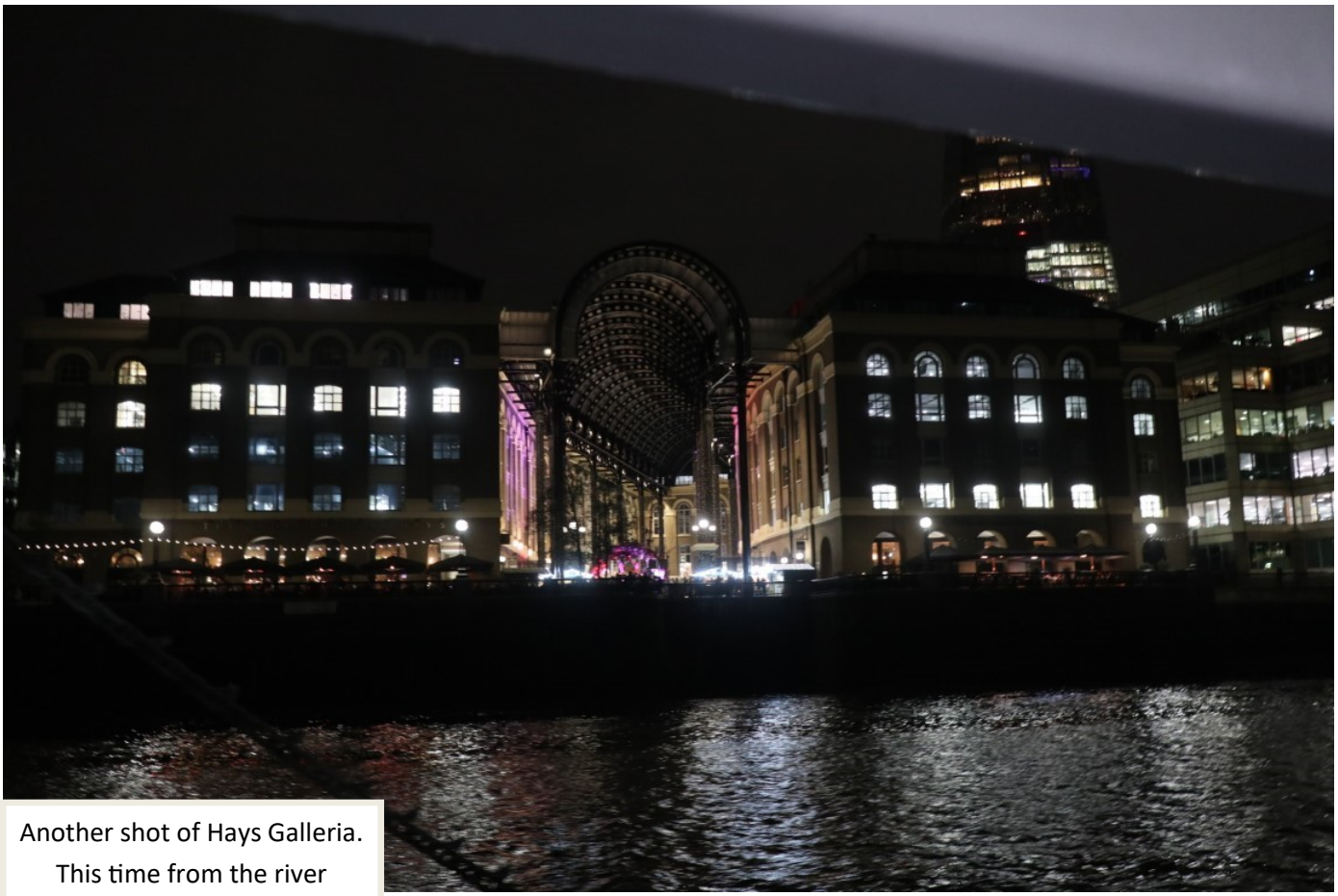
Houses of Parliament





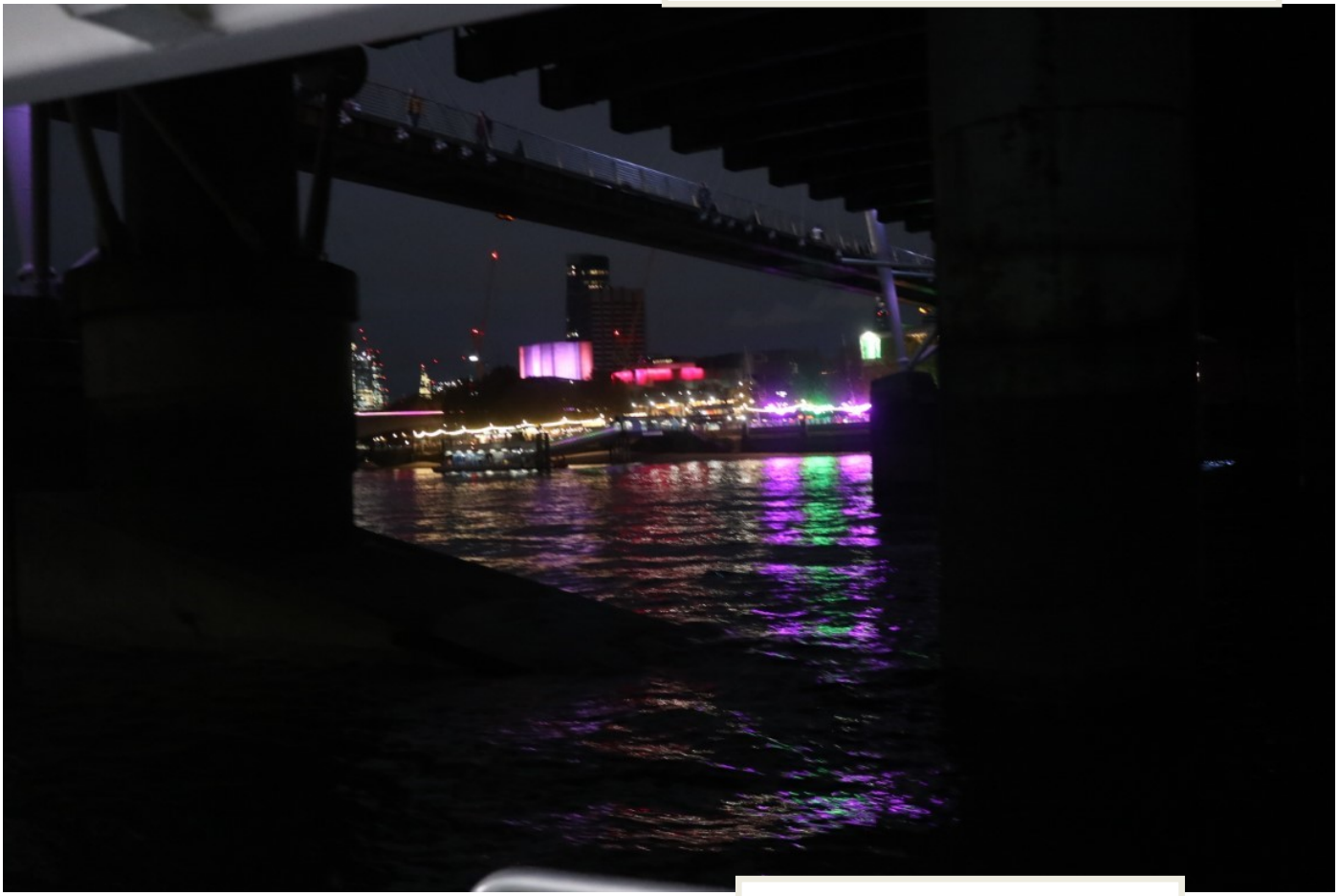
South Bank, National Theatre etc

Doesn’t seem long ago when we saw it being erected (It was actually in 1999)

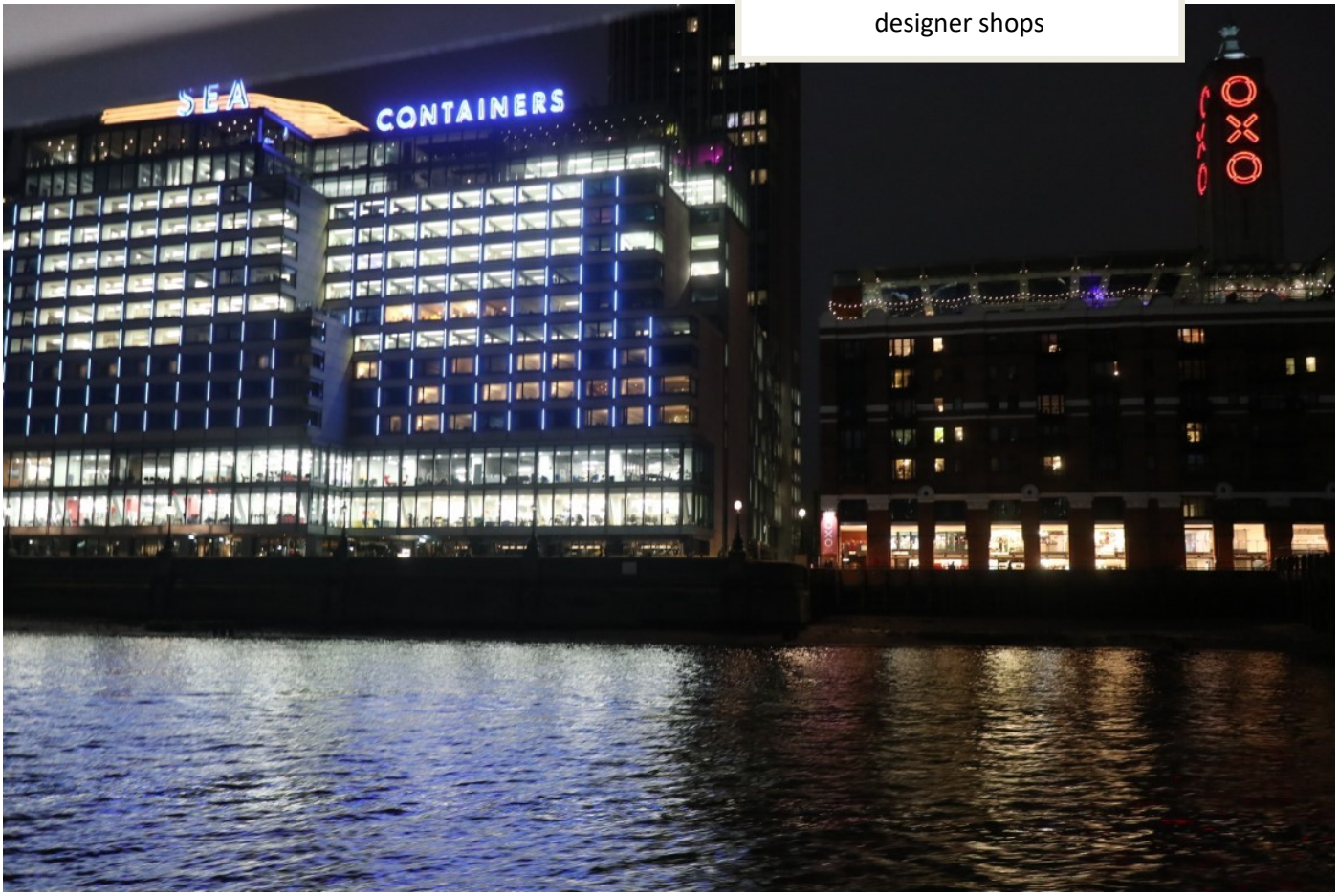


Another shot of Hays Galleria. This time from the river

Some of the bridges are not illuminated and the illuminated South Bank looks great in contrast



Sea Containers (now a hotel with cinema) and The OXO Tower with its designer shops



All Hallows By The Tower...a fascinating building too, especially in contrast with the modern tower in the background

Can't fail to enjoy the iconic Tower Bridge, especially at night

The reason we took the Clipper on the Thames was to see this totally fantastic light show on the Tower of London wall. Amazing, and to top it all there was a choir. ALL FREE..only 4 nights and not very well advertised so boy, were we lucky!

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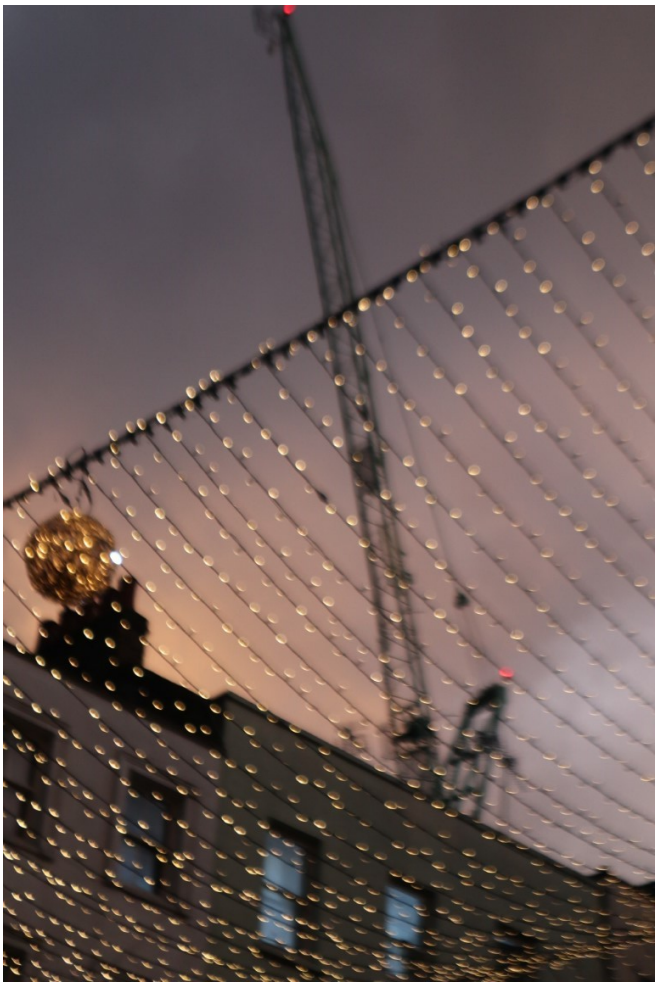
Despite the prophesies of a really austere time ahead, we saw lots and lots of the familiar green Fortnum's boxes in everyone’s hands

A cold, wet night at Shepherd's Market….When I worked round the corner, it had a very tarnished reputation , but is very upmarket now..



"Yes, I'm smiling, but I am really *tyred*!"

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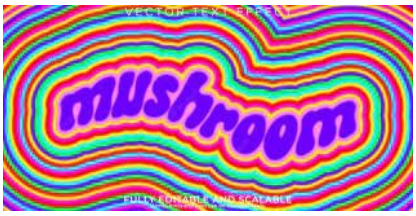

The Original sausage dog...

...seems like only yesterday

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CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

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I DARED TO BARE AS MARE

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This massive poster was opposite the platform on Southgate tube station...and all we were aware of was what looked very much like a fly in the middle of the lasagne

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After a high speed chase all the way from Wood Green, the police cornered a known drug dealer in Tammy's road (which is a cul de sac). In an effort to escape he rammed through the neighbours garden wall demolishing it, together with the dividing wall and ended up badly damaged just a few inches from Tammy's bay window. ...and yes, they caught him. The car was removed for a forensic search later that night and the police were so thoughtful in the way they looked after Tammy, who was naturally very shaken

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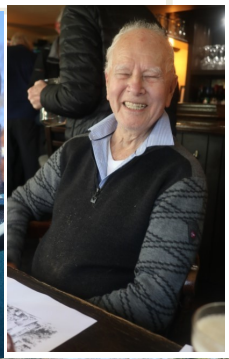
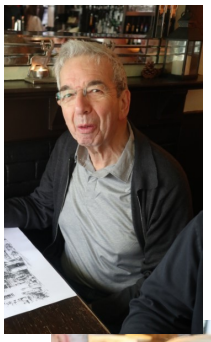
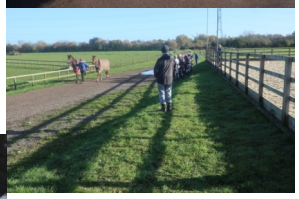
Another great walk with the 'lads'. This on was around Aldenham and the weather was perfect and around 20 of us walked, ending in the Round bush here we enjoyed a splendid lunch.







Beginning of December ‘22 we went to Granary Square (Kings Cross) into Coal Drops Yard and then by bus to Brick Lane. Luckily the front seats on the top deck were empty because I’m sure Lynn would have forcibly ejected any kids who had the cheek to sit there!

Station colour

The Intercity to Paris was just leaving from this upper level

Sometimes, when one looks carefully, one can see the great old buildings and facades preserved in the middle of modern developments. This is what gives London its a great character.

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Sir John Betjeman looking skywards...and the great neon sign **" I want my time with you"**

Looming above the new market stalls called 'The Drops' are one of the many new developments and hopefully I will still be around to get shots with these completed

Lynn and I find Coal Drops Yard totally fascinating now it is almost completed because we walked here when it was a deserted old run down railway goods depot that was being used as an Australian late night disco and we saw hundreds of bleary-eyed youngsters emerging in the early hours

...and onto Brick Lane. I really feel inspired with the colour and characters, the graffiti and the markets always keep me busy taking so many shots.

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The Vintage and Retro Market

Crowded street scenes

Sometimes it's beautifully displayed and other time it's a big secret

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Finger lickin' Good

It just looked so so tasty

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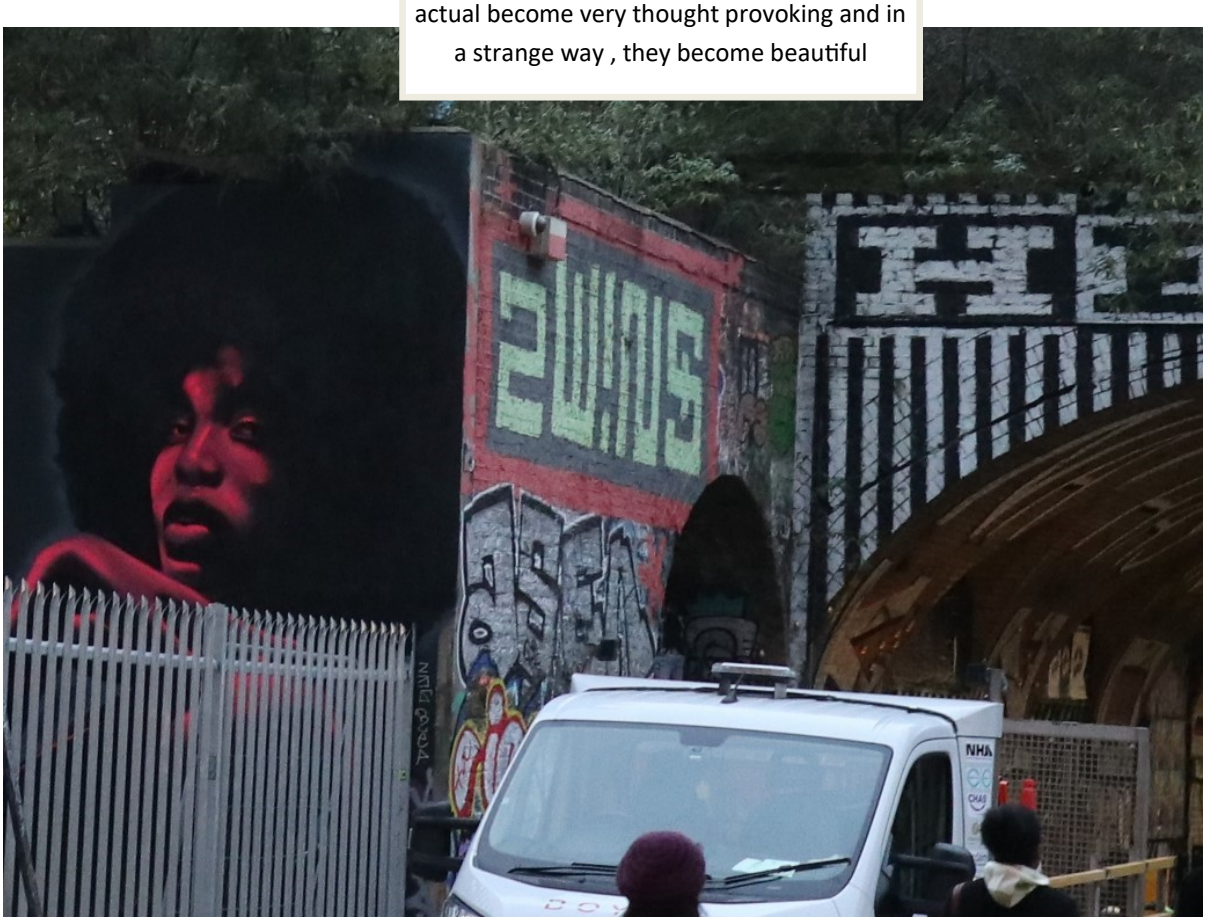
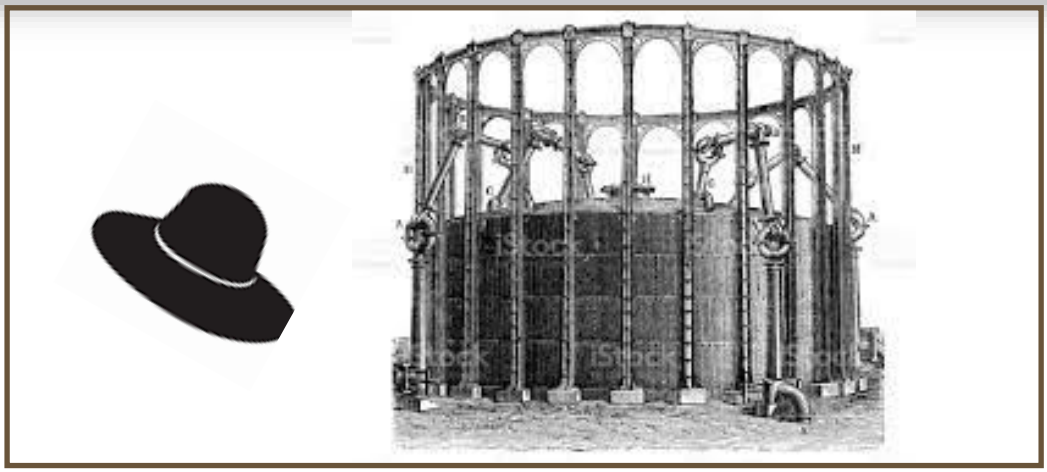
Some real talent on

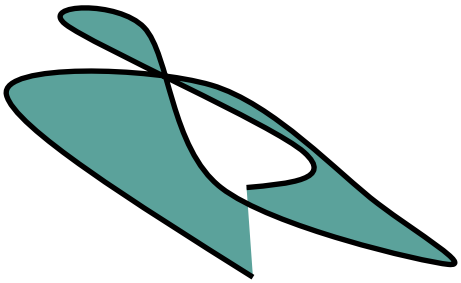
Things might be difficult with the high cost of living but we still saw major queues in Brick Lane both here at the chocolate shop and below at the Bagel Bakery

And sometimes things are so very ugly they actual become very thought provoking and in a strange way , they become beautiful



"…..and if this was once an industrial area, I'll eat my (fashionable) hat…."





Late Autumn colours